

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are submitted without prejudice as an Amendment subsequent to and in consideration of Interference No. 105,251. This amendment is further to and in consideration of telephone discussions with Examiner Kaushal, with regard to which Applicants thank the Examiner for his time and consideration in discussing this case and the pending and now remaining claims for consideration and continued examination.

*Status of the Claims*

Claims 36-38, 42-49, 52 and 53 are effectively presently pending in the instant Application. In consideration of Interference No. 105,251 and without prejudice, claims 36, 37, 38, 42, 48, 52 and 53 have above been cancelled. Thus, by this amendment, claims 43-47 and 49 remain and are pending.

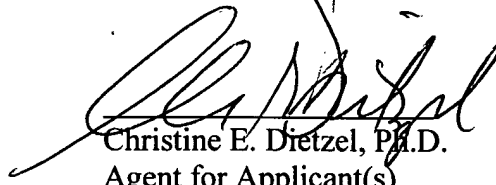
No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks in the file history of the instant Application. Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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